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UNCLAS DAMASCUS 2311

SECTO 44

STATE PLS PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR GEN. SCOWCROFT AND NESSEN

E.O. 11652: NA/A

TAGS: OVIP (KCSSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S DAMASCUS VISIT - ARRIVAL STATEMENT

1. SUMMARY: SECRETQFY'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT CONFINED TO EXPLANATION OF PRE-FLIGHT MISHAP IN CAIRO IN WHICH SECRET SERVICE AGENT SLIGHTLY WOUNDED. END SUMNDRY.

2. SECRETARY'S STATMENT FOLLOWS: QUOTE I WAS STANDING IN THE REAR COMPARTMENT AND TALKING TO SOME PEOPLE WHEN I HEARD WHAT SOUNDED TO ME LIKE A TRAY FALLING DOWN. A MINUTE LATER SOMEBODY CALLED FOR A DOCTOR. I WENT TO MY FORWARD COMPARTMENT BECAUSE I THOUGHT THE PLANE WAS TAKING OFF. THEN SOME SECURITY PEOPLE CAME IN AND PULLED ALL THE SHADES, SAYING THAT SOMEBODY HAD BEEN WOUNDED. AND IT TURNED OUT TO BE WALTER BOTHE. AS IT APPEARED, HE WAS WOUNDED BY ONE OF HIS OWN GUNS THAT HAD FALLEN OFF THE RACK DURING TAKEOFF.

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WALTER HAS BEEN WITH ME FOR TWO YEARS, TRAVELLED EVERY

WHERE WITH ME. WE'RE CLOSE FRIENDS. I KNEW HE WOULD  
TAKE DRASTIC STEPS TO GET OFF MY DETAIL, BUT HE HAS  
GONE TO EXTREMES. UNQUOTE. QUESTION: WE  
R, IS HE GOING TO  
STAY ON IT? SECRETARY: QUOTE HE'LL STAY ON MY DETAIL FOR AS LONG  
AS HE WANTS TO BE, A  
D I'M DELIGHTED TO REPORT THAT HIS  
WOUNDS  
ARE VERY SUPERFICIAL, THAT HE'LL  
GET A QUICK CHECK-UP, AND I  
KNOW HE'LL BE BACK ON MY DETAIL SOON. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO  
IT. UNQUOTE.  
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